MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): The answer is in the affirmative.

Low Pay of Sub-Inspectors in the Agricultural Department.

305. **MR. C. P. TARAKAN** (*Kunnatnad*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware if any other class of officers who have undergone such a long course of technical education is being given a salary equal to or even less than the pay that is being received by the duly qualified Sub-Inspectors of the Agricultural Department?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): There are officers in other departments who have undergone equally long course of training as these Sub-Inspectors, *e. g.*, Rangers and Deputy Rangers of the Forest Department, Sub-Assistant Surgeons of the Medical Department and Overseers and Sub-Overseers of the Public Works Department. Of these, Rangers, Sub-Assistant Surgeons and Overseers draw scales of pay slightly higher than those of the Agricultural Sub-Inspectors, while Deputy Rangers and Sub-Overseers draw lower scales of pay.

Opening of a Road from the Kuruppampadi-Kuttikkal Trace to the Periyar.

306. **MR. C. P. TARAKAN** (*Kunnatnad*): Will the Government be pleased to open a new road from the 1st furlong of the 2nd mile of the Kuruppampadi-Kuttikkal trace northwards up to the Periyar?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): It is reported that the people of the locality are not particularly anxious to have a cart road and that what they want is only a thoroughfare for the cattle to graze and for pedestrains to walk. They are not also particular that the road should go right up to the Periyar but will be satisfied if it is taken up to the 7th mile, Chalamattam-Kodanad road. In the portion of the pathway there are paddy fields to cross. If the people owning these paddy fields surrender the necessary land free of compensation, the Government might open the pathway and maintain it as a trace.

Number of Summary Suits filed by Kudiyans against Jenmies.

307. **MR. C. N. TUPPAN NAMBUTIRI** (*Jenmies*): Will the Government be pleased to state the number of summary suits filed by *Kudiyans* in the several Munsiffs' Courts of the State, owing to the refusal of the *Jenmies* to accept the *Michavaram* fee for renewal of documents, and other *Jenmibhogams* due to them from the *Kudiyans* under Regulation V of 1071, even though they were presented by the latter?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): A statement* containing the information required by the Member is laid on the table.

* *Vide* Appendix I—page 908.

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